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FACT SHEET

FY08 Budget

MAYOR SANDERS DEDICATES \$13.477 MILLION FOR ADA IMPROVEMENTS IN FY08 BUDGET

*\$12.29 Million Increase Underscores Mayor's Commitment to Greater Access to
City Facilities for People With Disabilities*

Mayor Jerry Sanders announced today that his FY08 budget will include an unprecedented \$13.477 million to help fund Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)-related improvements to City facilities, parks and walkways. This amount represents an increase of \$12.29 million over the \$1.2 million traditionally allocated by San Diego mayors for ADA projects in each year's budget. This is a 1,000 percent increase over allocations made in prior years.

During his State of the City Address in January, and as part of his Five Year Plan, Mayor Sanders announced his intention to allocate \$50 million over the next five years to ADA improvements.

WHAT TYPES OF CITY ADA PROJECTS WILL THESE FUNDS COVER?

- Installation of curb ramps with detectable warning tile (truncated domes) at City street intersections (\$3,200 per curb ramp)
- Installation of Audible Pedestrian Signals at City street intersections to provide information to blind and visually impaired pedestrians (\$10,000-\$20,000 per signal)
- Providing American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation at City events (\$60 per hour, minimum of two interpreters per hour)
- Installation of TTY's (Teletype) devices for communication with deaf or hard of hearing constituents (\$700 per TTY device)
- Providing Braille and alternative formats for blind and visually impaired constituents (the City has its own Braille printing machine)

WHAT TYPES OF RETROFIT PROJECTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE CITY'S ADA TRANSITION PLAN?

- Conducting facility access surveys
- Installing "hi-lo" drinking fountain with detectable bars
- Installing automatic door openers
- Modified restroom partitions and hardware, lower fixtures and amenities in restrooms
- Installing accessible signage to restrooms and door signage
- Installing, re-locating or building up asphalt for accessible parking, installing curb ramps with truncated domes, widening and extending sidewalks, extending door landings
- Lowering counters, re-building accessible path of travel
- Re-striping for accessible parking stalls
- Accessible stadium seating and parking
- Accessible kitchen counters, sinks, cabinets and faucets
- Accessible ramps and stairs
- Raised tables, stair stripping, lower switches, door hardware
- Accessible showers
- Increasing door widths
- Reconfiguration of work stations
- Accessible elevator call buttons and modifications to elevator cars
- Modified assembly room seating, access to stages, wheelchair lifts
- Accessible park amenities
- Accessible boat launches and fishing piers
- Accessible public pools with wheelchair lifts, ramps and railings
- Accessible book drops

"I want the disabled community to know that their concerns have been heard, and we're working to make San Diego among the most accessible cities in the country. With today's budget announcement, it is my hope that this becomes a new funding standard that future administrations will gladly embrace and continue."

-- Mayor Jerry Sanders

FY08 FUNDING FOR ADA IMPROVEMENTS

The Mayor's allocation of \$13.477 million in funding for ADA-related projects will come from two sources:

General Fund (General Services, Capital Outlay)	\$10,000,000
Community Development Block Grant funding (CDBG)	\$3,477,087
TOTAL	\$13,477,087

FY08 CITYWIDE CDBG FUNDING FOR ADA IMPROVEMENTS

New CDBG funding from the Mayor's Citywide fund	\$2,293,675
Traditional annual CDBG funding for ADA (20% of City's total CDBG allocation)	\$1,141,968
Traditional annual CDBG funding for ADA (ADA Transition Plan)	\$41,444
TOTAL	\$3,477,087

